



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q64956

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Appln. No.: 09/880,909

Group Art Unit: 3713

Confirmation No.: 6129

Examiner: Christina M. Marks

Filed: June 15, 2001

For: GAME SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED  
□ THEREON PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING THE GAME SYSTEM

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
June 29, 2004:

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**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was provided to Applicants representative and is dated June 29, 2004.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Identification of claims discussed: Claim 1.
2. Identification of art discussed: Discussion of differences between invention and prior art to Miller. Applicants' representative stated that the meaning of terms is clear, as previously asserted, but agreed to provide an outline of terminology in order to aid claim interpretation. Also, Applicants' representative and USPTO representatives discussed differences in claim limitations and examined an Examiner-suggested change to "musical performance" from the current "musical operation," in order to bring the scope of the claim in line with Applicants' argument that distinguishes over Miller. Applicants agreed to consider presenting

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arguments/amendments in an after final amendment. Examiner indicated that if such argument and amendment is so presented, subject to an updated search, changes would appear to overcome rejections of record.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

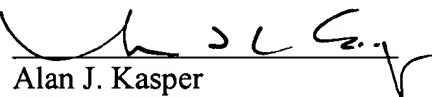
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